JOHN MORGAN
IN THE LAND OF DOGES
1764

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On July 24, 1764 John Morgan, a young doctor from Philadelphia just graduated in Edinburg, met Giovanni Battista Morgagni in Padua. The visit to the old Morgagni (“still alert”) inspired the young Morgan. It was quite touching for me to find in the College of Physicians’ library in Philadelphia the original De Sedibus, which Morgagni donated to Morgan.

He spent the following ten days in Venice, “a city rising out of the waves of the sea”, fascinated by the palaces reflected in the Grand Canal, St. Mark’s Square, the glasses in Murano and the Arsenal. Finally, on August 7th 1764, he moved to Vicenza seeing the Theatrum Olympicorum and the Palladio Palaces.

Back to Philadelphia in 1765, he founded the first School of Medicine and the first College of Medicine in the English colonies. He established the need to attend a regular school before practising Medicine, thus delineating three distinct professional profiles: physic, surgeon and apothecary.

The same year he published “A Discourse upon the Institution of Medical Schools in America”, where he set the principles of Medicine as “The Guardian of life and health, against death and disease”, with a rigorous curriculum studiorum.

Since then a terrific development of Medicine occurred in terms of discoveries and inventions, according to the triad “Patient care, teaching and research”. Nowadays the US rank worldwide first in Medicine.

This meeting has been promoted by the Olympic Academy of Vicenza, the University of Padua, the Perelman Medical School of Philadelphia and the Veneto Region Council to celebrate Morgan’s visit in 1764 and to strengthen the relationship between the Land of Doges and the State of Pennsylvania.

The origin of Modern Medicine in the US has its roots in Padua. This awareness is our pride, but it is also a great responsibility for us to keep the pace of Contemporary Medicine and to cope with such a legacy.

Gaetano Thiene
President, Olympic Academy
PADUA

Wednesday 9th October 2019
9.30 am - 12.15 am
Ancient Archive, Bo Palace

AUTHORITIES WELCOME
Alessandro PACCAGNELLA (Pro-rector, University of Padova)
Larry JAMESON (Dean, Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)
Mario PLEBANI (Former Dean, School of Medicine, University of Padova)
Gaetano THIENE (President, Olympic Academy, Vicenza)

MEDICINE, FROM ART TO SCIENCE

Chairpersons:
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Annalisa ANGELINI (Director, PhD course “Translational Specialistic Medicine G.B. Morgagni”, School of Medicine, University of Padova)

The University of Padua at the time of G.B. Morgagni and John Morgan
Fabio ZAMPIERI (School of Medicine, University of Padova)

The foundation of the first Medical School in Philadelphia by John Morgan and his visit to G.B. Morgagni in Padua
Victor FERRARI (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Is the Morgagni method of clinico-pathologic correlation still alive?
Cristina BASSO (School of Medicine, University of Padova)

Time of translational Medicine
Garret FitzGerald (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Innovations in medical care and the role of molecular Medicine
Jonathan EPSTEIN (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)
VICENZA

Thursday 10th October 2019
9.30 am – 11.30 am
Olympic Odeo

AUTHORITIES WELCOME
Gaetano THIENE (President, Olympic Academy, Vicenza)
Francesco RUCCO (Mayor, Vicenza)
Larry JAMESON (Dean of the Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

THE LINK BETWEEN VICENZA AND PHILADELPHIA

Chairpersons:
Howard BURNS (Olympic Academy, Vicenza)
Victor FERRARI (Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

John Morgan’s journey in Italy and his visit to “Theatrum Olympicorum” on August 7th 1764
Gaetano THIENE (President, Olympic Academy, Vicenza)

Benjamin Franklin and the visionary plan of a Medical School in America
Larry JAMESON (Dean, Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Thomas Jefferson and the lure of Palladio architecture
Guido BELTRAMINI (Olympic Academy, Vicenza)
Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue (1869-1924) *Villa Capra Vicenza*
VENICE

Friday 11th October 2019
10.00 am – 11.00 am
Ferro-Fini Palace

AUTHORITIES WELCOME

Roberto CIAMBETTI (President, Veneto Region Council)
Larry JAMESON (Dean, Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia)

Chairperson:
Gaetano THIENE (President, Olympic Academy)

The health system in the Serenissima Republic of Venice

Nelli VANZAN MARCHINI (Historian, PhD course “Translational Specialistic Medicine G.B. Morgagni”, School of Medicine, University of Padova)

Giacomo Guardi (attrib.). The Piazza San Marco towards San Giacomo, 1764–1835, brush and gouache
ARRIVAL
Tuesday 8th October 2019

Marco Polo Airport (Venice)
Pick up and transfer to the Hotel Donatello (Padua)

8.30 pm Welcome Dinner

PADUA
Wednesday 9th October 2019

9.00 am - 9.30 am Bo Palace
Meeting with Authorities

9.30 am - 12.15 am Ancient Archive, Bo Palace
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12.15 am – 1.15 pm Visit to the Ancient University (Aula Magna, 40 scholars Hall, Galileo’s Chair, Hall of Medicine, Anatomical Theatre)

1.30 am – 2.30 pm Visit to Padua city centre – Light Lunch

4.30 pm Pathology Museum

6.15 pm Giotto’s Scrovegni Chapel

8.00 pm Dinner
VICENZA

Thursday 10th October 2019

8.30 am   Transfer to Vicenza

9.30 am – 11.30 am   Olympic Odeo
THE LINK BETWEEN VICENZA AND PHILADELPHIA

11.30 am   Visit to the Olympic Theatre
and Santa Corona Church

1.15 pm   Light lunch

2.30 pm   Meeting with Authorities

3.30 pm   Visit to Palladio’s Villa “La Rotonda”

5.00 pm   Transfer to Padua

8.30 pm   Dinner
VENICE

Friday 11th October 2019

8.30 am  Train to Venice
9.30 am  Boat transfer to Ferro-Fini Palace (Regional Council)
10.00 am  Ferro-Fini Palace
           Lecture: *The health system at the time of Serenissima Republic in Venice*
10.45 am  Meeting with Authorities
           and Visit to the Ferro-Fini Palace
11.30 am  Piazza San Marco
           Palazzo Ducale (or St. Mark’s Basilica)
12.45 am  Boat transfer to Murano
1.30 pm   Lunch
3.00 pm   Glass workshop guided tour
4.15 pm   Boat transfer to Santa Lucia Train station
           Return to Padua

DEPARTURE

Saturday 12th October 2019

Pick up and transfer to Marco Polo Airport
(Venice)